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Mr. David Wilson, Chief
Bureau of Water
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

SUBJ: Approval of Reclassification of Waters within the Boundaries of the Congaree National Park to ONRW and ORW

Dear Mr. Boozer:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed review of the revisions to Regulation 61-69, "Classified Waters", of the South Carolina water quality standards. These revisions were duly promulgated by the Board of Health and Environmental Control on February 9, 2006 and became effective on June 23, 2006.

These revisions were submitted for EPA review by letter dated August 16, 2006. The State's request for review included a certification by the Department's General Counsel that the revisions were duly adopted pursuant to State law.

In accordance with Section 303 (c) of the Clean Water Act (the Act) and 40 CFR Part 131, I am hereby approving these revisions to the State water quality standards. These revisions reclassify a portion of Cedar Creek within the boundaries of the Congaree National Park to Outstanding National Resource Waters and all other waters within the boundary of the Park as Outstanding Resource Waters. EPA has made a determination that this action will have 'No Effect' on any species listed under the Endangered Species Act since these reclassifications maintain the existing water quality of these segments.

These revisions to the State's water quality standards represent your Department's continuing efforts to protect and enhance the quality of South Carolina's waters. You and your staff are to be congratulated on your efforts and accomplishments reflected in the adopted water quality standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gail Mitchell, for".

James D. Giattina, Director
Water Management Division